

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
TAX POLICY**

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

10:30 A.M.

Room 519 House Office Building

Chairman Bieda called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Bieda, Condino, Farrah, Robert Jones, Mayes, Meisner, Melton, Warren, Young, Meltzer, Steil, Pastor, Palmer, Wenke, Calley. (15/17)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Sheltroun, Sheen. (2/17)

Representative Condino moved to adopt the minutes from the April 4, 2007 and April 5, 2007 meetings. There being no objection, the minutes were approved.

Representative Wenke moved to excuse absent members. There being no objection, absent members were excused.

Chairman Bieda laid **HB 4487** before the committee.

HB 4487	Rick Jones	Property tax; exemptions; tax-exempt status on property acquired for investment purposes by retirement systems; eliminate.
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Representative Rick Jones, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

Richard Watkins, representing Delta Township, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4487**.

Mike Moquin, representing the Municipal Employees Retirement System, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 4487**.

Bill Anderson, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4487**.

Tom Petroni, representing the Municipal Employees Retirement System, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 4487** but did not wish to speak.

Summer Minnick, representing the Michigan Municipal League, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 4487** but did not wish to speak.

Chairman Bieda laid **HB 4581** before the committee.

HB 4581	Condino	Communications; telecommunications; tax on satellite television sales; provide for at same rate as cable franchise agreements.
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Representative Paul Condino, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

Dan Smith, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 4581**.

Don Noble, representing the Michigan Education Association, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 4581** but did not wish to speak.

Tricia Kinley, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 4581** but did not wish to speak.

Jim Murray, representing AT&T, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 4581** but did not wish to speak.

Jared Rodriguez, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 4581** but did not wish to speak.

Amanda Fisher, representing the National Federation of Independent Business, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 4581** but did not wish to speak.

George Carr, representing the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 4581** as introduced but did not wish to speak.

Representative Condino moved to adopt the following **amendment** to **HB 4581**:

1. Amend page 2, line 1, after “property” by striking out “**OR SERVICES**”.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Bieda, Condino, Farrah, Robert Jones, Mayes, Meisner, Melton, Young, Meltzer, Steil, Wenke. (11/17)

NAYS: Rep. Palmer. (1/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

There being no further business before the committee, **Chairman Bieda** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:29 a.m.